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## M'KINLEY BOXES ROBBED.

New Yorker Arrested on Charge of Riffing Them.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Max Goeische, who, according to the police, is a convict, was arrested at Delancey Street and the Bowery last night by Detective Sergeants Brady and McManus and locked up in police headquarters as a suspicious person.

The police say that he has been robbing the boxes that have been put around to receive contributions to the McKinley Memorial fund.

When Goeische was arrested the detectives found in his pocket thirteen keys that fitted the boxes. He admitted having made duplicate keys.

## THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.

Mr. Putnam Strongly Urges Opening on Sunday.

## HIS INTERESTING ANNUAL REPORT.

No Longer Is Its Daily Use a Question of Utility or of Religion Importance of the Division of Manuscripts.

The annual report of Mr. Herbert Putnam, Librarian of the Congressional Library, was made public today. It is an able and interesting document, telling in a clear and comprehensive way the story of the Library, reciting its needs and recommending important improvements.

## Sunday-Opening Question.

One of the most important and certainly the most popular questions discussed by Mr. Putnam is that of the opening of the great institution to the public on Sunday. He handles this subject in a clear, forcible and sensible manner. He says:

"All the use and enjoyments of these exhibits, of the interior architecture and decorations of the building, and of the books themselves are absolutely forbidden to the public except on the six secular days of the week. For one-seventh of the year the entire institution, this great plant, with all its energy for good, lies idle."

"At the last session of Congress, while the appropriation bill was pending, an amendment was offered in the Senate by the Chairman of the Committee on the District making provision for the opening of the Library during a portion of each Sunday (after 2 p. m.). The amendment was referred to the Committee on the Library, reported favorably, and referred by that committee to the Committee on Appropriations. It was adopted by that committee and incorporated in the appropriation bill as it passed the Senate. But it fell out in conference."

## Religion Not Involved.

"This may have been through some misapprehension of its purposes or effect. The Sunday opening of libraries and museums is, however, now so general that the application to a particular institution has ceased to be discussed as a question of utility, much less as a religious question, but purely as a question of local convenience and of pecuniary ability. Compulsory Sunday labor is not involved. In the Library of Congress, as generally elsewhere, the provision would be for a 'special service.' This might consist, in part at least, of week-day employees, but only at their own solicitation, for extra pay, and in no case would any employee serving during the week be permitted to work every Sunday, nor more than four hours of any Sunday."

## Of Important Utility.

"It would be in part by visitors from out of town, to whom now every Federal institution in Washington, save the Zoological Park, is closed from Saturday evening till Monday morning; it would be in part by the men whose profession is in books, but whose week-day hours are occupied with routine research within their respective bureaus; it would be in part by employees in the executive departments who are interested in serious reading, and it would be in a large degree by men and women whose week-day hour must be devoted to the more business which is their livelihood and the work-day evenings to mere physical recuperation, and whose only opportunity for cultivation comes on Sunday, when the library would be used. The Corcoran Gallery is open on Sunday afternoons. The crowds which visit it are evidence of the need and the appreciation."

## Expense Would Be Little.

"To open the library (that is, the building, the exhibits, the main reading room, and the reading room for periodicals and newspapers) on Sunday afternoons and evenings would cost less than \$13,000 a year—less than 5 per cent of the present annual expenditure for maintenance. I cannot believe that Congress will ignore an opportunity for such great benefit at so slight additional expense and I have included the provision in my estimates for the next fiscal year."

## Division of Manuscripts.

Mr. Putnam says that there is no division in the Library more important in its possible service to historical research than the Division of Manuscripts. He says: "There is none in whose conduct thorough, authoritative scholarship is more necessary. It is to this division particularly that gifts must be attracted; the expert judgment must be there to attract them."

## How to Attract Gifts.

Referring to the attraction of gifts to the Library, Mr. Putnam says: "The Library can, indeed, hope to attract gifts only by three means: First, by a building which will house them safely and comfortably; second, by a staff, by administration which will safeguard them and render them useful—this it is developing. Third, by considerable expenditures of its own in the acquisition of material which will bring the material given into honorable company and will attract notice to it by increasing the reputation of the general collection. These expenditures must be prepared to make. All three of these factors have operated in the case of the British Museum. Prices have been paid for the number of reference collections made to it by gift. They have come largely for the distinction of association and service with a collection already the most distinguished in the world, made so by the direct effort of the Government."

## Visitors and the Books They Read.

The total number of visitors to the Library Building during the past year was \$22,570, or a daily average of 2,711. Speaking of the character of books read, Mr. Putnam says that a larger percentage of scientific works have been called for in the reading room for reference use, and a larger percentage of fiction for home use.

"A marked increase," says Mr. Putnam, "has been observed in the number of reference readers from outside of the District, and in the number of calls for books for official use by the Government Departments, Bureaus, and Commissions, and by the members of the Diplomatic Corps."

The increase of the Library in the past year consisted of 75,481 printed books and pamphlets; 19,241 manuscripts; 4,208 maps

and charts; 16,950 music; 21,455 prints, 2,328 volumes, law library.

The business of the copyright office is reported as having consisted of 92,351 entries, which have brought \$63,677 in fees, which sum was covered into the Treasury and not applied directly to the maintenance of the copyright office.

## HUNTING CUSTOM

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## A MOVEMENT TO THIS END BEGUN.

An Increase of the Unavoidable Expenditures of Members—To Forestall Charges of Self-Interest in Favoring the Plan.

A serious movement is on foot to increase the salaries of members of Congress from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per annum, the change to take effect with the next Congress. The present salary was fixed long ago, when it was comparatively a much greater sum than it is now. In those days a salary of \$5,000 was regarded with considerable respect, but at present it has little attractions for a successful business man, when salaries in private life are running from \$5,000 to \$50,000, and to even higher sums.

## Many Demands on Members.

Aside from being called upon to pay heavy campaign expenses a member of Congress must be prepared to meet all sorts of demands on his purse from his constituents—churches, fairs, charitable institutions, etcetera. Indeed, if it were not for private fortunes or the money they make in outside ventures during the recesses of Congress, the average member could scarcely live in a respectable manner.

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## Difficult in Securing an Increase.

Members of the House are rather difficult about making the proposition for fear of the possible effect it might have on their constituents, but would welcome it should it come from the Senate. It is proposed that while the salaries of the members of the House should be increased March 4, 1903, those of the Senate should not be increased until the expiration of their present terms. In this manner it is hoped the charge of voting for an increase in their own salaries could be met.

## Not Pleading to New Members.

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## Delay Caused by Necessity for a Concurrent Resolution.

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## POKES FUN AT SCIENTISTS.

## Chief Moore Comments on Italian Bombardment of Hailstorms.

Chief Willis Moore of the Weather Bureau in his annual report, pokes a little fun at the Italian scientists for their bombardment of the clouds to prevent hail storms. Several thousands shooting stations have been established in Italy, he says, but reports received from them give no definite data in support of the success of experiments, although there is no doubt that the cannon is believed to be effective by the armors who do the work.

"Waves of irrational enthusiasm occasionally sweep over the country and this is one of them. We have but to remember the experience of our own country only a few years ago with the rain-makers and how firm was the belief of thousands of people in the sub-arid and arid regions of the West that the use of powerful explosives would produce rainfall."

"Thousands of dollars were expended in these experiments before the absurdity of the claim was demonstrated. It is a fact worthy of remark that the hail-shooters are now using practically the same method to dissipate the clouds that the rainmakers used to produce them."

"Time and experiment will probably